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[Claim 1]

A process system comprising:

a process apparatus which performs a predetermined

5 process on an object to be processed;

a plurality of detection means which detect statuses in
the process apparatus;

an abnormality detection section which detects an
abnormality in detection information from the plurality of
10 detection means;

an alarm generation section which generates an alarm
when the abnormality detection section detects an
abnormality;

15 an information storage section which stores the
detection information from the detection means and alarm
information as a process history of the process apparatus;

an alarm-related information acquisition section which
acquires information relating to an alarm selected from
generated alarms from the information storage section; and

20 a display section which displays alarm-related
information acquired by the alarm-related information
acquisition section.

[Claim 2]

The process system according to claim 1, wherein the
25 alarm-related information includes I/O address information
relating to the alarm.

[Claim 3]

The process system according to claim 1, wherein the information storage section prestores brief information on alarms according to types of the alarms, and the alarm-related information acquisition section selects brief

5 information on a selected alarm, and selects sequential information leading to generation of the alarm from information stored as the process history in the information storage section in association with the brief information.

[Claim 4]

10 The process system according to claim 3, wherein the alarm-related information acquisition section selects I/O information around generation of an alarm corresponding to the sequential information leading to generation of the alarm from information stored as the process history in the

15 information storage section.

[Claim 5]

The process system according to claim 4, wherein the display section can display a first screen which displays the brief information on the selected alarm, a second screen which displays sequential information leading to generation of an alarm, and a third screen which displays I/O information around generation of an alarm.

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[Claim 6]

The process system according to claim 3, wherein the

25 brief information stored in the information storage section according to the each alarm includes an ID of the alarm, contents of the alarm, one or two or more possible reasons

for generation, and actions against individual reasons for generation.

[Claim 7]

A process system comprising:

- 5 a process apparatus which performs a predetermined process on an object to be processed;
- a plurality of detection means which detect statuses in the process apparatus;
- an abnormality detection section which detects an abnormality in detection information from the plurality of detection means;
- an alarm generation section which generates an alarm when the abnormality detection section detects an abnormality;
- 15 an information storage section which stores the detection information from the detection means and alarm information as a process history of the process apparatus and prestores an alarm table describing brief information according to individual alarms and linkable to the process history;
- an alarm-related information acquisition section which selects brief information on an alarm selected from the alarm table in the information storage section and acquires, as link information, sequential information leading to generation of the selected alarm from information stored as the process history in the information storage section; and
- 25 a display section which displays alarm-related

information acquired by the alarm-related information acquisition section.

[Claim 8]

5 The process system according to claim 7, wherein the alarm-related information acquisition section selects I/O information around generation of an alarm corresponding to the sequential information leading to generation of the alarm.

[Claim 9]

10 The process system according to claim 8, wherein the display section can display a first screen which displays the brief information on the selected alarm, a second screen which displays sequential information leading to generation of an alarm, and a third screen which displays I/O information around generation of an alarm.

15 [Claim 10]

 The process system according to claim 7, wherein the brief information stored in the information storage section according to the each alarm includes an ID of the alarm, 20 contents of the alarm, one or two or more possible reasons for generation, and actions against individual reasons for generation.

[Claim 11]

 A process system comprising:
25 a plurality of process apparatuses which perform a predetermined process on an object to be processed;
 an apparatus control unit which controls the plurality

of process apparatuses based on information to be detected in the process apparatuses, detects an abnormality when the information to be detected in the process apparatuses is off a predetermined range, and generates an alarm when the

5 abnormality detection section detects an abnormality; and

 a control apparatus which receives all or nearly all process information from the process apparatuses, and controls the process apparatuses based on the process information, and which includes

10 an information storage section which stores the process information and alarm information received from the process apparatuses as process histories of the process apparatuses,

 an alarm-related information acquisition section

15 which acquires information relating to an alarm selected from generated alarms from the information storage section, and

 a display section which displays alarm-related information acquired by the alarm-related information acquisition section.

20 [Claim 12]

 A process system comprising:

 a plurality of process apparatuses which perform a predetermined process on an object to be processed;

25 an apparatus control unit which controls the plurality of process apparatuses based on information to be detected in the process apparatuses, detects an abnormality when the

information to be detected in the process apparatuses is off a predetermined range, and generates an alarm when the abnormality detection section detects an abnormality; and a control apparatus which receives all or nearly all 5 process information from the process apparatuses, and controls the process apparatuses based on the process information, and which includes

an information storage section which stores the process information and alarm information received from 10 the process apparatuses as process histories of the process apparatuses, and prestores an alarm table describing brief information according to individual alarms and linkable to the process history,

an alarm-related information acquisition section 15 which selects brief information on an alarm selected from the alarm table in the information storage section and acquires, as link information, sequential information leading to generation of the selected alarm from information stored as the process histories in the 20 information storage section, and

a display section which displays alarm-related information acquired by the alarm-related information acquisition section.

[Claim 13]

25 A process method comprising: storing detection information from a plurality of detection means provided in a process apparatus, which performs a predetermined process

on an object to be processed, and information on alarms to be generated when detecting an abnormality in the detection information from the plurality of detection means, as a process history in an information storage section; acquiring 5 information relating to an alarm selected from the generated alarms from the information storage section; and displaying alarm-related information acquired.

[Claim 14]

The process method according to claim 13, wherein the 10 alarm-related information includes I/O address information relating to the alarm.

[Claim 15]

The process method according to claim 13, wherein the information storage section prestores brief information on 15 alarms according to types of the alarms, selects brief information on a selected alarm, and selects sequential information leading to generation of the alarm from information stored as the process history in the information storage section in association with the brief information.

20 [Claim 16]

The process method according to claim 15, wherein acquisition of the alarm-related information is carried out by selecting I/O information around generation of an alarm corresponding to the sequential information leading to 25 generation of the alarm from information stored as the process history in the information storage section.

[Claim 17]

The process method according to claim 16, wherein the alarm-related information is displayed on one of a first screen which displays the brief information on the selected alarm, a second screen which displays sequential information leading to generation of an alarm, and a third screen which displays I/O information around generation of an alarm.

5 [Claim 18]

A process method comprising: storing detection information from a plurality of detection means provided in 10 a process apparatus, which performs a predetermined process on an object to be processed, and information on alarms to be generated when detecting an abnormality in the detection information from the plurality of detection means, as a process history in an information storage section; 15 prestoring an alarm table describing brief information according to individual alarms and linkable to the process history; selecting brief information on an alarm selected from the alarm table in the information storage section; acquiring, as link information, sequential information 20 leading to generation of the selected alarm from information stored as the process history in the information storage section; and displaying information selected from the alarm table and the acquired sequential information leading to generation of the selected alarm.

25 [Claim 19]

The process method according to claim 18, wherein acquisition of the alarm-related information is carried out

by acquiring I/O information around generation of an alarm corresponding to the sequential information leading to generation of the alarm from information stored as the process history in the information storage section.

5 [Claim 20]

The process method according to claim 19, wherein the display is done on one of a first screen which displays the brief information on the selected alarm, a second screen which displays sequential information leading to generation 10 of an alarm, and a third screen which displays I/O information around generation of an alarm.

[Claim 21]

The process method according to claim 15, wherein the brief information stored in the information storage section 15 according to the each alarm includes an ID of the alarm, contents of the alarm, one or two or more possible reasons for generation, and actions against individual reasons for generation.

[Claim 22]

20 A computer readable storage medium containing software that allows a computer to perform control in a way which comprises storing detection information from a plurality of detection means provided in a process apparatus, which performs a predetermined process on an object to be 25 processed, and information on alarms to be generated when detecting an abnormality in the detection information from the plurality of detection means, as a process history in an

information storage section, acquiring information relating to an alarm selected from the generated alarms from the information storage section, and displaying alarm-related information acquired.

5 [Claim 23]

A computer readable storage medium containing software that allows a computer to perform control in a way which comprises storing detection information from a plurality of detection means provided in a process apparatus, which 10 performs a predetermined process on an object to be processed, and information on alarms to be generated when detecting an abnormality in the detection information from the plurality of detection means, as a process history in an information storage section, prestoring an alarm table 15 describing brief information according to individual alarms and linkable to the process history, selecting brief information on an alarm selected from the alarm table in the information storage section, acquiring, as link information, sequential information leading to generation of the selected 20 alarm from information stored as the process history in the information storage section, and displaying information selected from the alarm table and the acquired sequential information leading to generation of the selected alarm.

[Claim 24]

25 A computer program containing software that allows a computer to perform control in a way which comprises storing detection information from a plurality of detection means

provided in a process apparatus, which performs a predetermined process on an object to be processed, and information on alarms to be generated when detecting an abnormality in the detection information from the plurality of detection means, as a process history in an information storage section, acquiring information relating to an alarm selected from the generated alarms from the information storage section, and displaying alarm-related information acquired.

10 [Claim 25]

A computer program containing software that allows a computer to perform control in a way which comprises storing detection information from a plurality of detection means provided in a process apparatus, which performs a predetermined process on an object to be processed, and information on alarms to be generated when detecting an abnormality in the detection information from the plurality of detection means, as a process history in an information storage section, prestoring an alarm table describing brief information according to individual alarms and linkable to the process history, select brief information on an alarm selected from the alarm table in the information storage section, acquiring, as link information, sequential information leading to generation of the selected alarm from information stored as the process history in the information storage section, and displaying information selected from the alarm table and the acquired sequential information

leading to generation of the selected alarm.